

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 12, lines 21 of the specification, as follows:

-- Figure 5 illustrates a command structure 500 that the controller device 306 may issue to the tuner device 308 in one embodiment of the present invention. Command 500 is realized in computer readable memory and can be broadcast as a digitized message or "packet" from one device to another. The controller 306 issues this command 500 when information regarding the content of the bit-stream 160 is needed. The command 500 is comprised of a flag field 501 comprising the flags: table_id 502, source_id 504, rating_region 506, and ETM_id (Extended Text Message) 508. In one embodiment of the invention, flags 504 - 508 are mutually exclusive. However, flag 502 may be set with any other flag. The present invention is suited to using other types of flags or additional flags in the flag field 501. Also, the order of flags may be altered, if desired. The settings of these flags defines which tables 190 the command issuer (e.g., controller 306) wishes the command receiver (e.g., tuner 308) to send back. --